

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 185
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2020; March 3, 2021,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 8, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 8, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Hughes	X		
1-9	Birdwell	X		
1-10	Campbell	X		
1-11	Hall	X		
1-12	Lucio	X		
1-13	Nelson	X		
1-14	Powell	X		
1-15	Schwertner	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the time for rendering a final order in certain suits
1-20 affecting the parent-child relationship involving the Department
1-21 of Family and Protective Services.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 263, Family Code, is
1-24 amended by adding Section 263.4011 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 263.4011. RENDERING FINAL ORDER; EXTENSION. (a) On
1-26 timely commencement of the trial on the merits under Section
1-27 263.401, the court shall render a final order not later than the
1-28 90th day after the date the trial commences.

1-29 (b) The 90-day period for rendering a final order under
1-30 Subsection (a) is not tolled for any recess during the trial.

1-31 (c) If the court finds that extraordinary circumstances
1-32 necessitate extending the 90-day period under Subsection (a), the
1-33 court may grant one extension of that date for not longer than 30
1-34 days. The court shall render a written order:

1-35 (1) specifying the grounds on which the extension is
1-36 granted; and

1-37 (2) requiring a final order to be rendered not later
1-38 than the 30th day after the date the extension is granted.

1-39 (d) A party may file a mandamus proceeding if the court
1-40 fails to render a final order within the time required by this
1-41 section.

1-42 SECTION 2. Section 263.4011, Family Code, as added by this
1-43 Act, applies only to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship
1-44 filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting
1-45 the parent-child relationship filed before that date is governed by
1-46 the law in effect on the date the suit was filed, and that law is
1-47 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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